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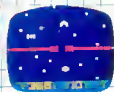


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# NEW CARTRIDGE RELEASES

## STAR RAIDERS™



Two new and both very different cartridges will be available shortly in the UK for the Atari Video Computer System.

Star Raiders™ is the ultimate in galactic adventure. You become the captain of a Federation Star Fighter on a life or death mission and your TV set becomes your window into space.

Equipped with powerful photon torpedoes and sophisticated tracking and monitoring devices, you must seek out and destroy the treacherous Krylon warships headed for your starbase. Watch out for your energy level and the deadly enemy ships.

If your mission is successfully accomplished, you will receive a ranking based on your performance.

Star Raiders™, available in the UK now has four mission skill levels and is played with the Joystick Controller™ and the new Atari Video Touch Pad™.

Suggested retail price: £29.95 including VAT.

## VOLLEYBALL

The first of the Atari RealSports™ titles is Volleyball which features really fantastic new graphics. Recreate the fun of beach Volleyball under a hot Californian sun as a shark passes by the water's edge! The sun sets at the end of the game!

RealSports Volleyball is modelled on the traditional game of Volleyball where two, two-man teams hit a ball back and forth over the net. So realistic are the graphics there is even a shadow under the ball! Great skill is needed to control your players with the Joystick Controller™ and keep the ball in the air and in the court.

Four game variations for one or two players.

Suggested retail price:  
£18.95 inc. VAT.



## An Atari Owner's Club Special For Christmas

Have you written to Santa Claus with your Atari Cartridge orders? If not, perhaps we could make some suggestions.

**BERZERK STAR RAIDERS VOLLEYBALL**

Why? Well, Atari Controls Santa has something for you ... Cash!

One of these Cartridges — He will send you £1.00

Two of these Cartridges — He will send you £2.50

All 3 of these Cartridges — He will send you £5.00

All you have to do is cut the corner off the back page of the Instruction Book (see diagram) of any of these Instruction books. Print your name, address, and postcode on each corner and send to us at: Santa's Special, Atari Control, Atari Mouse, Railway Terrace, Slough, SL2 5BZ. To reach us no later than 31st January 1983 and allow 28 days delivery of your cash offer from Santa — ONLY ONE CLAIM PER PERSON.



*Congratulations*

# TO THE WORLD PAC-MAN CHAMPION



Pac-Manians from all over the world.

## WE'RE THE CHAMPS

Well, we did it! A stunning first in the under-25 section of the World Pac-Man championships and a third in the Over 25's. Not bad eh? Feelings ran high at Atari Control as we learned that sixteen year-old Craig Heap from Salford, Manchester, had managed to score an amazing 29,511 in a thirty-minute run on the most difficult of the home Pac-Man variations. And father of two, Trevor Yardley, managed a great score of 13,458 over the same period. Thank you for keeping the side of the 'old-uns' up Trevor!

The whole of the Pac-Man championships did not pass without incident. The most notable

being the fact that we had to switch the event from Monte Carlo to Paris at 24 days' notice. Monte Carlo has featured rather heavily in the news just recently and you will all understand why the championships were suddenly re-sited in the famous Capitan Video discotheque just off the Champs Elysees.

Here Pac-manians from all over the world descended to chat, laugh, have fun and meet some of the thirty-three contestants from such glamorous places as Hong Kong, Puerto Rico and Venezuela. But all very much aware that it would soon be their chance to pit their skills against those infernal gobbling ghosts to become the World Pac-Man champion.

There were great scenes in the lobby of the huge Meridien hotel where confused guests gazed at hundreds of people all milling around, dressed in identical Pac-Man t-shirts, and chasing madly to each other — usually in hand signs because they didn't understand each other's language. A constant stream of taxis followed the contestants coach to the finals because the announcements for its departure had not been made in Chinese or South American Spanish. Anyway we all got to the Capitan Video Disco finally. And what a scene! A huge semi-circular dome of stainless steel tubes had been erected in the middle of the floor to house all the bright yellow Pac-Man stands and consoles for each contestant. The stage was initially masked by a curtain made of hundreds of glittering ribbons and, when it rose to reveal Dollar who had flown in straight from the States to perform at the Championships, the applause rose to a crescendo. Quite deaf-making indeed!

The championships lasted for about three nail-biting hours with the UK visitors leaping up and down at the side of the stage, making a huge nuisance of themselves and willing on Craig and Trevor to score the results they've been dreaming of ever since they both became the UK champs. Obviously our encouragement helped because a score of practically one thousand points a minute on that level of difficulty just has to be special.

The evening ended with a river trip down the Seine. We glided along a smooth-flowing Seine with the stars twinkling overhead, tuckers, and cheese and watching the silver cup placed proudly in the the orchestra stalls on the side of in front of us was lit by hundreds of multi-coloured fireworks. Magic!

And a perfect way to end a perfect



Craig Heap with Dollar.



From left: Claude M. W. W. John Grogan DDS, Dollar with Craig between them, Craig's mum, Trevor Yardley holding the Eiffel Tower, and Atari's National Sales Manager Tony Adams holding Craig's score.







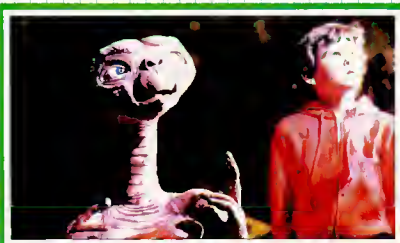
'He is afraid. He is totally alone. He is three million light years from home.'

'He' is E.T. in Steven Spielberg's new film E.T. The Extra Terrestrial; and he will soon be as familiar to you as Pac-Man, Space Invaders and Asteroids. Not only through this fabulous film but through a fantastic new Atari video game called 'E.T.'



E.T. is a man from outer space, stranded on earth, left behind by his own people. In search for refuge, E.T. wanders into a backyard where he is discovered by 10 year-old Elliot. The young boy assumes responsibility for E.T.'s safety while searching for a way to reunite the little creature with his own kind.

We are not going to spoil the film for you by telling you more — but what we will say is that you can try and help E.T. by playing the E.T. game from Atari.



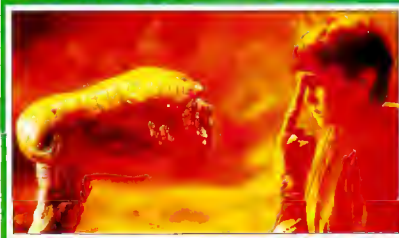
Your mission is to help the amazing E.T. find pieces of his interplanetary telephone, so he can call his ship and be rescued from Earth. But it's not as simple as that! What Atari adventure games are?



# E.T.

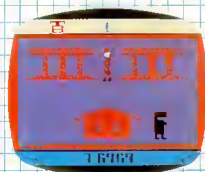


## THE EXTRA-TERRESTRIAL



You and the friendly E.T. must avoid deep wells, the FBI and scientists — but to help you there is the young boy Elliot, and candy pieces to gain vital energy.

See the film,  
play the game,  
enjoy the  
character —  
that's E.T.!



**RECOMMENDED RETAIL PRICE**  
**£29.95 inc. VAT.**

To win the E.T. game you must guide E.T. through the six 'sites' on earth to his rescue ship; before his energy runs out. Four of the six sites are dotted with those deep wells into which E.T. can fall, the fifth shows Elliot's house, the Institute of Science and the FBI building. Finally the sixth site is a forest setting where the spaceship will land to pick him up. It is only when the little alien has been picked up that the 'round' is over and you and E.T. have won.

Everyone will be talking about E.T., watching E.T., dreaming E.T. Now you can play E.T. the game from Atari, and enjoy the E.T. phenomenon even more.

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## HAVE YOU SEEN OUR ADVERTS ON THE T.V.

If you have, then you should have no difficulty in entering our Competition.  
**FIVE CURRENT ATARI CARTRIDGES OF YOUR CHOICE** to be won  
**PLUS TEN** Runners-up prizes of £1.00 Atari Vouchers.  
All you have to do is answer the following questions, write the answers on a Post Card or on the back of an envelope, and send it to:

**"VCS AB23 Competition"**  
**ATARI INTERNATIONAL (UK) INC**  
**Atari House**  
**Railway Terrace, Slough SL2 5BZ.**



Be sure to put your name, full address with Postcode, telephone number and your Console number on your entry.

**ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FIRST POST ON DECEMBER 30th** — for the draw on the 31st December 1982 — The Results will be published in our Next Bulletin.

1. Name the 3 people in the picture (stage names)?
2. What game are they playing?
3. What team does the man on the left play for?
4. What team does the man on the right support?

This competition is not open to employees or relations of Atari personnel, their agencies or associated companies.

## VCS Owner's Club Offers

Due to the overwhelming response to this soft, lovable Mini Pac-Man™ Toy we are again offering it to our members — From Atari's sister company, another Warner Communications subsidiary Klutnerbocker Toy Company. Just 7" tall and about the same widthwise and will appeal to Pac-Man™ nuts of all ages!

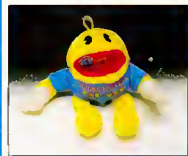
The Mini Pac-Man™ toy has a bright yellow soft plush head and a big red mouth, and on his jacket are such slogans as "Score with Me!", "Hungry for You!" and "Eat you Up!". He conforms to all British and European safety standards. He's got a lovely loop on his head, so you can hang him by your bed, in your car or even hang him on your satchel but beware, everyone loves him.

We are offering him to you for just £3.50 including VAT, post and Packing. Just fill in the form enclosed.

### STAR RAIDERS™ T-SHIRTS

This T-Shirt goes with our New Cartridge released this month. Only available in yellow but we do have three sizes. Small, Medium and Large. They are made of 100% Cotton, machine washable, though mums would be advised to wash them separately.

This offer is only open to VCS Owner's Club members for as little as £2.95 including VAT, Post and Packing.





David Wilson Iron Turners, Manchester version

"During the 1981 Summer holidays, me and my friend Ian Wilkerson made an AVCS/TV unit which enabled me to play Space Invaders, etc. in my bedroom with me in the living room and at the AVCS

Recently we modified this unit to incorporate new features such as whale, a small canopy and better control switches.

David says they made it with odd pieces of wood  
part from the garage and wheels from a neighbor  
so they found it very cheap to make. Well some  
David and Ian. Perhaps some of our other members  
have some of making their own VCS units.

ATARI CONTROL has received quite a few Red Alerts from members about unusual things happening on their cartridges, like this letter from Paul Dudfield of Dudley, West Midlands.

*'Recently while playing on the super new zapping cartridge DEFENDER I found myself blasting at a wall.'*

This started when I went to lend a human. After landing it, I went straight through the bottom of the screen and found myself with a ship which only showed up when I fired against a purple screen with a green wall at the end. This amazed me and I was wondering if it had happened to any other ATARI owners. (It went back to normal when I switched the reset switch!)

finally, a word of warning from two of our members:

"I am writing to congratulate you as you have faithfully reproduced many arcade games, my favourite being CENTIPEDE. Before buying the Atari I tried out many other video games machines including the more expensive Intellivision, but I found that the Atari was by far the best value for money and the amount of cartridges on sale. I recently had a go on Defender and Yari's Revenge and found them entertaining and one of the best cartridges you have made, if not THE best."

Thank you, Nick Blake from Chippewa  
County, Brazil.

Terry Dean from Crosby, Scunthorpe wrote to us about a high score on Defender, and went on to say:

As a final word I would like to point out to fellow Atarians that if they are thinking about selling ATARI and buying Mame! Intellivision with the proceeds they are making a great mistake. My friend—who introduced me to ATARI—did this and now wishes he hadn't! The cartridges for Mattel tend to be limited time games or very short or too complicated for enjoyment—another word for

Just to show that we do take advice from our helpful members, here's a letter from Timothy Lewi from Mansfield, Nox.

"I think it would be a great idea if you held a competition where the first prize could be a game cartridge."

We thought it would be an excellent idea, I'm sure, so that's exactly what we've done in this Bulletin. So opposite for South.

We heard from Warren Larcombe of Newport, Cwent, who wrote

\*Did you know that on Space Invaders if you press the reset button down keeping your finger on it turn the power switch to on and then release the reset button you will be able to have 2 bombs lying at once.

We did actually know this, Warren, but perhaps some of our members didn't. Do get in touch with us, Warren, because you forgot to give us your full address and we'd like to send you a note!

We were pleased to hear from Carol Brown of South Yorkshire, who made the request.

"Will you please make my nephew, Nigel, who is 13 years old a member of the Alan Owners Club. He got his Alan last Christmas, but until yesterday didn't know there was a club. He is disabled and now confined to a wheelchair, so his Alan (and football) are his main interests." Ed.

Thanks for letting us know, Corrie. We do love  
have Nigel in the Owners Club. Perhaps other  
members have a friend who owns an Atari VCS,  
but who is not yet an Owners Club member.  
Please give them a nudge and tell them what  
they're missing! They can write to us here with  
their name, address (not forgetting the postcode!)  
and Atari VCS Serial Number, and we'll enrol  
them in the Owners Club.

We hope you find our letters interesting — we did! Remember, if you have something to say, a puzzle to solve, a good deed to do, or anything at all, let us know at ATARI CONTROL, A PRIZE for every letter published!

PS We'd also like to thank Mrs Stella Snell of Gravesend, Kent, who very kindly sent us a photograph of her two sons, Jeffrey and Martin wearing Atari jumpers with Space Invaders on them. Mrs Snell had designed and knitted these herself, and they certainly were excellent! So, congratulations to Mrs Snell. Arant Jeffrey and Martin lucky to have such a clever Mum!

Air Sea Battle; Backgammon;  
Basketball; Bowling; Missile  
Command; Asteroids; Pac-Man;  
Warlords; Brain Games; Casino; Golf;  
Outlaw; Sky Diver; Space Invaders;  
Superman; Chess; Adventure;  
Breakout; Circus Atari; Night Driver;  
Space War; Maze Crez; Dodge-Em.

This Cartridge Word Search has  
been sent in by Phillip Cartridge of  
Kirby-In-Ashfield. Why not spend  
some of your spare time trying to  
solve it.

Thanks very much, Philip!

## HIGH SCORE SPOT

**We have been bombarded by hundreds of excellent High Scores from our Owner's Club Members. We were really impressed with some of the scores, and would like to thank you all for joining in the fun of the Owner's Club!**

**DEFENDER** — The first British record has been set for this cartridge by Jonathan Moore of Newport, Gwent. Jonathan has clocked up a fantastic score of 19,475,500 on Game One, and it took him 23 hours. Apparently, he managed to suspend the game while he had a snooze! Keep up the good work, Jonathan!

**YARS' REVENGE** — We have two High Scores on this cartilage. Our Champion so far is Ian Appleton of Ashby in Scunthorpe, who played on Game 0 for a period of 4 hours and managed to score 8,000,000. We'd also like to tell you about Matthew Dickerson, aged 12, of Rushden, Northants, who played on Ultimate Yars for 2 hours 17 minutes and scored 2,265,487. Both these brilliant scores were witnessed by the boy's mothers. Well done boys and well done Mum!

**ASTEROIDS** — We said in the June Bulletin [AB21] that Malcolm's score was not going to be easy to beat, but our old friends Stephen Hooper and Andrew Robinson have been working hard to achieve their amazing score of 77,002,030. This took them . . . wait for it . . . 104 hours 30 minutes. Gosh, they must have been tired! Congratulations to you both!

**VIDEO PINBALL** — Robert Didd, aged 13, of Mitcham, Surrey has broken the previous Video Pinball record and has scored 222,494,331 on Game One in 20 hours! A great achievement, Robert.

Well done, indeed!  
If you think you have a High score,  
please write to us telling us how long it  
took, which Game (Game One is usual)  
and don't forget your witness!  
ATARI CONTROL, Atari VCS Owner's  
Club, Atari House, Railway Terrace,  
SLough, Berkshire, SL1 8BZ.

Saturday 11th September 1982 -

In Abbey Park, Leicester, the Leicestershire and Rutland Constabulary organised a Charity Gala Day. With thanks to Mays Hi-Fi Audio and TV shop, Alamy's shoe store, A. J. & S. Charles was made to make a person wishing to risk their thumbs, by racing Pac Man round the Maze, avoiding Speedy and eating Waffles, Power Pills and Vitamin Pills, and although the day ended with a number of sore thumbs, they had the satisfaction of knowing that their contribution had gone towards a Guide dog for the Blind. Our thanks to those who supported the day.

Monday 27th September to the 30th September 1982 -

The Essex RadioShow, Southend Rotary Club and Atari held a Four Day Pac-Man Championship in Southend to help raise money for The Cancer Research Fund. A fun week was had by all. We had a First Prize for the Highest Score of the Day and another First prize for the Highest Score over the four days.

Our congratulations go to KEN MIDSON from Southend, who won both highest score of the day and over the 4 days. He went home armed with an Atari Video Computer System and an Atari Pac Man Cartridge. Guess who has just joined our Owner's Club!

**Other prizes went to:**  
**Malcolm Lowe of Canvey Island**  
**Ian Press of Southend**  
**Jeff Robertson of Billerica**

Our congratulations and commiserations, but a happier note is that Southend have got more money in their lump

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# ATARI CONTROL

In our last Bulletin you met Louise East, Assistant Owner's Club Manager. We would now like you to meet Philippa Kearney, Owner's Club Manager.



Keep in touch with our Station in Slough. For news of releases, and how you can write with your score. We'd love to hear more. So put pen to paper right now!

We apologise to our members for all the different locations and telephone frequencies, these have now been exterminated. Our SpaceShip has finally landed at the following Station.



**ATARI INTERNATIONAL (UK) INC**  
**ATARI House**  
**Railway Terrace**  
**Slough**  
**Berks SL2 5BZ**



**ATARI CONTROL (VCS Owners Club) Slough (0753) 33344**  
**ATARI PRODUCT SUPPORT Slough (0753) 24561**

Our operation promises to support all our members, so please be sure to update your LOG BOOKS with this New Location and the above Air Frequencies.

... And have you changed your address? Let us know.

## GAMES DAY AWARD

This is to Certify that  
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 was awarded First Prize  
 in the SL2 5BZ SL2 5BZ category

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### Moving or Living Abroad

Then do not worry, there are Atari Clubs around the World. For more information, please ring or write to us at Atari Control. The New Address is at the top right hand side of this board. Perhaps our Customer Support Team can assist with Your Technical queries

### A Word from our Product Support Team

Throughout the world there are several intercom systems, and for this reason there are several versions of the Atari Video Computer System. If you are going abroad for a holiday, or have present-going relatives or friends overseas, please give the following information careful consideration.

The Grand Kingdom has a PAL-I television system, and the Video Computer System has one in this area has a transformer with a three-pin mains connection.

Most of the European countries have a PAL-B television system, and their transformer has a two-pin mains connection. PAL cartridges will function correctly on both systems.

The United States has an NTSC television system. Units designed for use in this area have a two-pin mains connection. NTSC cartridges will not function on either the PAL-I or PAL-B systems. Please be certain when buying abroad that the items which you purchase are designed to function in this country. Do not allow yourself to be fooled when a salesman tells you, "all it needs is a 240 volt adapter and by the way we will take care of it."

Although we cannot convert your NTSC or PAL-B Video Computer Systems to NTSC cartridges, we do offer an exchange scheme. For prices and further information, please Atari Product Support at Slough (0753) 24561.

Atari have installed a Worldwide Network of Independent Service Centres to service Atari Video Computer Systems, or in case of Warranty. There are over 50 Centres in the U.K. — One of which will be local to you — Local Service means FASTER SERVICE.

Each ISC has been inspected and named by Atari, to ensure that it is able to Service Atari VCS Games, to the highest possible standard and receives our full technical support.

For your local Independent Service Centre ring us at Slough (0753) 24561.

More details in the next Bulletin.

### Activision Fun Club

A lot of our members have been confused about this club, asking us if it is part of the Atari VCS Owner's Club. To set your minds at rest we would like to advise all our members that it is not.

**BULLETINS WILL NOW  
 BE COMING OUT EVERY  
 2 MONTHS.**

Season's  
 Greetings

to



Fellow  
 Atarians